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For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE DEGRADATION
OF NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES COMPRISING
CONTAINERS MADE OF OR COATED WITH
MATERIALS INHIBITING THE ACTIVATION OF
SUBSTANCES DEGRADING THEM

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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June 5, 2003

Sir:

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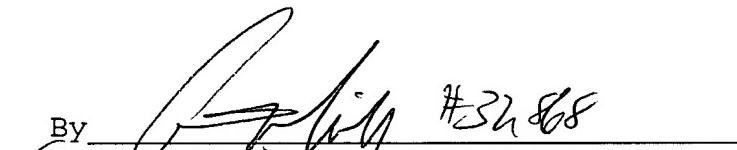
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- Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$110.00 for the extension of time.
- No fee is required.
- Check(s) in the amount of \$362.00 is(are) enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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